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In re Application of BARRAS et al :
U.S. Application No.: 10/571,198 :
PCT Application No.: PCT/EP02/06669 :
Int. Filing Date: 17 June 2002 : DECISION
Priority Date Claimed: 05 July 2001 :
Attorney Docket No.: Q93357 :
For: PORTABLE ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENT, :
SUCH AS A WRISTWATCH. . . :

This is in response to applicant's "Petition for Revival of an International Application for Patent Designating the U.S. Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)" filed 09 March 2006.

BACKGROUND

On 17 June 2002, applicant filed international application PCT/EP02/06669, which claimed priority of an earlier European Patent Office application filed 05 July 2001. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 16 January 2003. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired on 05 January 2004.

International application PCT/EP02/06669 became abandoned as to the United States for failure to timely pay the basic national fee.

On 09 March 2006, applicant filed the present petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

DISCUSSION

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting that an application be revived on the grounds of unintentional abandonment must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply unless previously filed, (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m), (3) a statement that the entire

delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional, and (4) a terminal disclaimer if the application was filed before 08 June 1995.

With regard to item (1), applicant has provided the required reply under 35 U.S.C. 371.

With regard to item (2), applicant has provided the required petition fee.

With regard to item (3), applicant has provided the required statement.

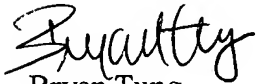
With regard to item (4), because the international application was filed after 08 June 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is GRANTED.

The application has an International Filing Date under 35 U.S.C. 363 of 17 June 2002, and a date under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) of 09 March 2006.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for further processing in accordance with this decision.



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